

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 12, 2005

Present: Mayor Tim Bright; Commissioners Richard Hill, Gene Fleming, Billy Kornegay, Johnny Craft; Administrator Shawn Condon; Clerk Pat Bryan.

Absent: Commissioner Bill Smith

7:30PM REGULAR MEETING JULY 12, 2005

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tim Bright.

Mayor Bright led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Minutes approved as written on a motion by Commissioner Kornegay. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried.

Ms Joyce Jones, MLK, Jr Dr, wanted to know why the Historical House on Church Street was burned. Mayor Bright said the Historical Society did not have support or finances for restoring the house.

Motion by Commissioner Hill to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Commissioner Craft for the following items:

Motion carried.

#1 Approve the Urban Forestry Grant Agreement.

#2 Approve Agreements for Pitt County funds (Civic Center/Library).

Motion by Commissioner Kornegay to approve FY2004-2005 budget amendments and budget adjustments and seconded by Commissioner Craft. Motion carried. (Attached)

Administrator Condon presented the Ordinance Section 90.03 (Weeded Lot Ordinance) with the following change. If the uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds or grass occurs to a height in excess of 12 inches, the owner of such lot will be notified by the Town that the nuisance must be abated within ten days after the date such notice is mailed or posted.

Motion by Commissioner Hill to adopt the amendment to Grifton Town Ordinance Section 90.03 (Weeded Lot Ordinance) as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Kornegay. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Craft to adopt the Municipal Insurance Trust of NC Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Kornegay. Motion carried.

Mr. Bob Clark, Code Enforcement Officer, was not present due to medical procedures. Administrator Condon said he will talk with Mr. Clark on Wednesday on code enforcements.

Administrator Condon gave the following updates:

The Town has received a GTP loan in the amount of \$250,000 from Pitt County for the NC Highway 11 sewer extension project with an interest rate of 3.50%. Also Pitt County has executed a rate modification for the original loan with the interest rate changing from 4.25% to 3.5%.

After talking with Ed McLawhorn, the lights for the west side of Highland will have smooth concrete polls so banners can be erected. The cost will be \$712.35 monthly after installation. They will be maintained by Progress Energy.

The Trade Mart is scheduled to open the end of the third week in July.

The Green County Correction inmates will not be available until September after school begins.

Commissioner's comments:

Commissioner Kornegay was concerned about new 911 house numbers that have not been changed on some dwellings.

Commissioner Hill asked about the progress of Charlie Hardee's store in Lenoir Co.

The weeds on Chapman Dr. are higher than the trees and need attention.

He complimented the cutting of Field of Dreams.

He was concerned with the Rescue Squad not being able to pick up patients in the Lenoir County Town limits. They have to wait 20 minutes for Lenoir County to arrive at the resident.

Commissioner Kornegay would like for both sides of road into the swamp on S. Highland Blvd.(from Piggly Wiggly to the bridge) be trimmed.

The Board recognized a boy scout that attended the meeting in order to receive his badge.

Mr. Ed Meeks, Fire Chief, informed the Board that the inspection ratings are good.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Pat Bryan
Clerk